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For: GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL POLYSACCHARIDE  
IMMUNOGENIC COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the amendments and remarks herein be considered at the time of examination of the instant patent application.

In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (2 months) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response until September 9, 2003.

Also enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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